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# PRESS RELEASE

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**RE: UNITED STATES v. ROLLOND M. EDDY**

United States Attorney Michael A. Battle announced today a ten-count Indictment, charging Rollond M. Eddy, age 41, of Canandaigua, New York, with nine counts of wire fraud in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343 carrying a maximum penalty of 5 years imprisonment, a fine of \$250,000.00, or both; and one count of wire fraud in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1341 carrying a maximum penalty of 5 years imprisonment, a fine of \$250,000.00 or both. It should be noted that the fact that a defendant has been charged with a crime . . . is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

**(Disciplinary Rule 7-107(B)(6)).**

Assistant U.S. Attorney Tiffany H. Lee stated that the Indictment charges the defendant with knowingly devising a scheme to obtain money by means of false and fraudulent pretenses pertaining to the sale of limousines and, for the purpose of executing that scheme, causing certain wire communications to take place in interstate

commerce. The defendant would make representations to customers regarding the availability of specific limousines and would send them faxes confirming the purchase of said limousines. Customers would send money either as the purchase price or as a deposit toward the purchase of the limousine. The defendant would not deliver the limousines and would not return the money obtained from the customers. The Indictment further charges that for the purpose of executing the scheme involving the sale of limousines, the defendant caused a check to be sent, delivered and moved by commercial carrier in violation of the mail fraud statute.

The final three counts of the Indictment charge the defendant with knowingly devising a scheme to obtain money by false and fraudulent pretenses, and in executing the scheme, causing wire communications to take place in interstate commerce, specifically through the use of the Internet auction website eBay. The defendant would offer items, mainly scooters, for sale to customers on eBay. The defendant would have customers who purportedly won their bids send him money for the scooters. The defendant would then fail to deliver the scooters and would fail to refund the money sent in by the customers.

The Indictment was the culmination of an investigation on the part of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge, Peter J. Ahearn, and the Ontario County Sheriff's Office, under the direction of Sheriff Philip C. Povero.

The evidence was presented to the Grand Jury by Tiffany H. Lee, Assistant United States Attorney, who will handle the trial of the case.

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